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In re Application of:

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplementing applicants' response of March 21, 2000, please further amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claim 1 in thrice-amended form as follows:

1 (Thrice amended). A method for stimulating systemic host defense mechanisms against a pathogenic condition in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal having such a condition a therapeutically effective amount of an interferon via oromucosal contact, said amount being from about 21.4 IV/kg/day to about 2.9 \times 10⁴ IV/kg/day, where said amount is less than an amount which induces a